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IMMIGRATION REFORM / WHITE HOUSE

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Democrats and Republicans in Congress are working together to craft an immigration reform bill that could become law as early as next year, a senior White House adviser said on Sunday. That legislation could create a path to citizenship for the estimated 12 million illegal immigrants already in the United States. The most contentious question surrounding past and future attempts at immigration reform is whether to, and how to, ease rules governing the route to citizenship for people who have entered the country illegally.

CENSUS SMALL CITIES

VO :26

Smaller cities and towns have lost some luster among upwardly mobile families seeking wholesome neighborhoods, a stable economy and affordable living. In 2000, small cities, which include remote towns and the distant suburbs known as "exurbs," ranked at the top in the share of people with college diplomas. But a review of census data shows they slipped to No. 2 last year. Demographers attribute some of the shifts to the housing downturn and a spike in gasoline prices, which has hit residents in the far-flung exurbs harder. Many families in smaller towns also are looking for jobs in larger cities because of the recession and are rethinking the wisdom of long commutes. The findings come as President Barack Obama has pledged to upgrade mass transit and other urban priorities, which could create additional population shifts.

CHOLESTEROL DRUGS

VO :25

Two cholesterol drugs still taken by millions of Americans are the subject of concern for a second time, according to a new study. In the study involving about 360 people, Zetia failed to shrink buildups in artery walls while a rival drug, Niaspan, did so significantly. Ultrasound images of neck arteries showed that Niaspan shrank buildups by about 2 percent, while Zetia had no effect on this even though it lowered bad cholesterol as expected. The results were published by the New England Journal of Medicine. Last year, a large study suggested that the combo pill Vytorin, which combines Zetia with a statin, was no more effective than Zocor alone, a statin now available as a cheap generic. Niaspan is a slow-release version of niacin, a type of B vitamin.

SEX DISEASES USA

VO :23

American squeamishness about talking about sex has helped keep common sexually transmitted infections far too common, especially among vulnerable teens, U.S.

researchers reported Monday. Latest statistics on chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis show the three highly treatable infections continue to spread in the United States. The administration of President Barack Obama has signaled a willingness to move away from so-called abstinence-only sex education approaches promoted by his predecessor, George W. Bush, and conservative state and local governments. Several studies have shown such approaches do not work well and that it is better to encourage abstinence while also offering children and teens information about how to protect themselves from diseases as well as pregnancy.

IMMIGRANT TUITION BILL TO GET NEW PUSH

VO :18

Nearly three years after Massachusetts House lawmakers soundly rejected a bill that would have allowed illegal immigrants to attend college at in-state tuition rates, lawmakers are preparing to revisit the issue. Activists say 10 other states, some dominated by conservative lawmakers, have passed legislation with bipartisan support, and advocates see no reason why Massachusetts, a state controlled by Democrats, can't do the same. Undocumented students say they plan to launch a campaign by lobbying key lawmakers and sharing their stories in face-to-face meetings. Meanwhile, activists have cultivated a broader coalition of supporters that includes union members, business leaders and academics something lacking in 2006.

INFLUENZA A H1N1 / CDC

DR. FELIPE LOBELO / ATLANTA, GEORGIA

INTERVIEW 5:00MIN. APPROX.

Dr. Lobelo answers questions from viewers about H1N1 swine flu.

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CDC WILL NO LONGER REQUIRE HPV VACCINE FOR FEMALE IMMIGRANTS

VO :28

Starting Dec. 14, the HPV, or human papillomavirus vaccine will no longer be on the list of immunizations female immigrants ages 11 to 26 must receive before becoming legal permanent residents. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention made the change on Friday. The CDC said it will require immunizations for which there is a public health need either at the time the person immigrates or changes their status to green card holder.

MORTGAGE DELINQUENCIES

VO :28

Some mixed news on mortgage delinquencies. The good news is, the pace at which people fell behind on their mortgages slowed during the summer for the third quarter in a row. The bad news is, the overall delinquency rate hit another record. The credit reporting agency TransUnion says for the three months ended Sept. 30, 6.25 percent of U.S. mortgage loans were 60 or more days past due. That's up 58 percent, from 3.96 percent, a year ago. The rate was up 7.6 percent from the second quarter. That's a much smaller jump than the 11.3 percent rise in the second quarter from the first, and the 14 percent leap seen in the quarter before that. A TransUnion official says while the slowing growth rate is a positive sign, the increase shows there are still a lot of

problematic mortgages out there. The company doesn't expect the figure to start declining until the middle of 2010.

AP POLL TAX THE RICH TO PAY FOR HEALTH BILL

VO :23

A new Associated Press poll finds that Americans favor taxing the rich to pay for covering those without health insurance. Of all the approaches Congress is considering to pay for President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, the only one that got majority support in the AP poll was a new income tax on upper-income people. That's the approach House Democrats took in their health care legislation, which passed earlier this month. The poll found 57 percent in favor of the idea, and 36 percent opposed. In contrast, the public does not favor a tax on high-value insurance plans under consideration in the Senate. Fifty-six percent were opposed and only 29 percent in favor of that idea, which is also opposed by organized labor.

US VISIT SYSTEM / HOMELAND SECURITY

FERNANDO PIZARRO / WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 1:51

Homeland Security Department is planning to install the US Visit system, the digital photographing and fingerprinting of people, for all foreign travelers as they leave country through US international airports. The government would then track when about 35 million visitors or non-immigrant aliens leave the country or overstay their visas. US Visit already operates for arriving foreign travelers.

AIG BAILOUTS

VO :18

A government watchdog is raising questions about the way officials handled the multibillion dollar bailout of insurance giant American International Group Inc. Special Inspector General Neil Barofsky says the officials mismanaged an initial rescue attempt and may have overpaid other banks to wind down AIG's business relationships. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York -- headed at the time by now-Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner -- paid AIG's business partners full face value for securities. That was so they would cancel insurance contracts that AIG had written in order to ease the firm's liquidity crunch. But Barofsky says at least one of those partner banks offered to cancel the contracts for less.

CONGRESS DEMANDS ANSWERS OVER H1N1 VACCINE SHORTAGE

VO :22

The Obama administration has ratcheted up demand for H1N1 flu vaccine, without sufficient supply to meet that demand, two senators charged in a letter to the Department of Health and Human Services. The "glaring discrepancy" between the demand for the vaccine and the supply has resulted in pregnant women and others considered high-risk for the flu lining up for hours at clinics across the country to receive the vaccine, only to be turned away because of shortages, the letter said.

DEEP DIVISIONS LINGER ON HEALTH CARE

VO :20

As the Senate prepares to take up legislation aimed at overhauling the nation's health-care system, President Obama and the Democrats are still struggling to win the battle for public opinion. A new Washington Post-ABC News poll shows Americans deeply divided over the proposals under consideration and majorities predicting higher costs ahead. But

Republican opponents have done little better in rallying the public opposition to kill the reform effort. Americans continue to support key elements of the legislation, including a mandate that employers provide health insurance to their workers and access to a government-sponsored insurance plan for those people without insurance.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS PRICE HIKES

VO :23

In the last year, the industry has raised the wholesale prices of brand-name prescription drugs by about 9 percent, according to industry analysts. That will add more than \$10 billion to the nation's drug bill, which is on track to exceed \$300 billion this year. By at least one analysis, it is the highest annual rate of inflation for drug prices since 1992.

MILLIONS WILL HAVE TO REPAY PART OF TAX CREDIT

VO :22

More than 15 million taxpayers could unexpectedly owe taxes when they file their federal returns next spring because the government was too generous with their new Making Work Pay tax credit. The Treasury Department's inspector general for tax administration issued a report saying that taxpayers are at risk if they have more than one job, are married and both spouses work, or receive Social Security benefits while also earning taxable wages. The tax credit, which is supposed to pay individuals up to \$400 and couples up to \$800, was President Barack Obama's signature tax break in the massive stimulus package enacted in February. Most workers started receiving the credit through small increases in their paychecks in April.

REMITTANCES / SUPPORT

NORMA ROQUE / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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Instead of receiving remittances from relatives in the U.S., some down-and-out Mexican families are scraping together what they can to support their unemployed loved ones in the United States... Will speak to local money transfer companies who have been experiencing the reverse remittances and a person who is getting money from relatives in Central America to make ends meet here in the U.S.

MAMMOGRAMS GUIDELINES

DR. ELMER HUERTA / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

INTERVIEW 5:00MIN. APPROX. - MARTIN BERLANGA / MIAMI, FLORIDA PKG 1:18

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Women in their 40s are reacting with confusion and skepticism over the recommendations of a government task force concerning mammograms. The task force says most women don't need mammograms in their 40s and should get one every two years starting at 50. That's a stunning reversal and a break with the American Cancer Society's long-standing position. What's more, the panel said breast self-exams do no good, and women shouldn't be taught to do them. Breast cancer survivors who were diagnosed at a young age are among the more vocal critics of the new guidelines. For its part, the American Cancer Society has been recommending annual mammograms beginning at 40, and it's staying with that position. Most women in their 40s interviewed by The Associated Press said they plan to follow the old mammography recommendations, at least for now.

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AIRPLANE SECURITY

VO: 34

The Transportation Security Administration has posted proposed requirements for airplane repair facilities on its Web site ahead of a hearing today and six years after Congress first required it. Congress passed a law in 2003 ordering the TSA to come up with security requirements for repair facilities in eight months. With no rule by 2007, Congress again ordered TSA to put security requirements in place within one year. That deadline expired in August 2008. It's still not a done deal.

SAFE CARS

VO: 24

The latest safety tests have Ford, Subaru and Volkswagen leading the pack of 2010 model cars. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety says 19 passenger cars and 8 SUV's are the top safety picks. The list includes the Buick LaCrosse, the Audi A3 and the Jeep Patriot. The number of awards this year has been pared from last year's total because of tougher roof safety requirements. That additional test kept a lot of cars off the list, including all Toyota, Mazda and Mitsubishi models.

MEDICARE PREMIUMS

VO:20

The House is scheduled to vote Thursday on a bill that could have an impact on seniors enrolled in Medicare. The measure would raise fees for doctors treating Medicare patients. It's designed to head off a 21-percent cut in physician fees scheduled for Jan. 1. According to an analysis by the Congressional Budget Office, seniors would pay \$49 billion in higher premiums over the next decade as a result of the legislation.

FOLIC ACID SUPPLEMENTS RAISE CANCER RISK: STUDY

VO:21

Heart patients in Norway -- where unlike many countries foods are not enriched with folic acid -- were more likely to die from cancer if they took folic acid and vitamin B12 supplements compared with those who did not take them, Norwegian researchers said on Tuesday. The team found lung cancer rates were 25 percent higher among those who took the supplements compared with the general population, but overall cancer deaths and deaths from other causes were also higher in the supplement group.

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HEALTHCARE COMPARING BILLS

VO: 30

Congressional budget experts say the new Senate health care bill would make a government health plan widely available. The Congressional Budget Office says about two-thirds of the U.S. population would have a public plan available in their state, even though the Democrats' 10-year, \$848-billion bill would allow states to opt out.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE-EXPIRTATION

VO: 30

The expiration of an emergency measure at the end of the year means more than 1 million people will lose jobless benefits in January unless Congress does something soon. The recent passage of extended benefits in Washington didn't address an underlying problem: The emergency unemployment compensation program, including all 73 additional weeks, expires at the end of this year. If the program isn't renewed, after Jan. 1 recipients who have used up their 26 weeks of regular state benefits, or jobless who are moving to a new stage of extended payments won't get the extra coverage.

SWINE FLU-TOUGH MEASURES

VO: 18

Health experts say evidence from countries which have tried, shows even the strictest containment efforts aren't stopping swine flu. Even China, which initially claimed success with strict quarantines where entire plane loads of passengers were isolated, now acknowledges swine flu is more widespread than officially reported. Other nations that have carried out draconian swine flu policies indicate they have little effect.

POLL: MAJORITY OF ADULT AMERICANS DON'T WANT H1N1 SHOT

VO: 23

More than half of all adult Americans say they don't want to get the H1N1 flu vaccine, according to a new national poll. The CNN/Opinion Research Corporation survey released Wednesday also indicates that the number of adults who have tried to get the vaccine but were turned away is higher than the number of adults who have gotten a swine flu shot.

WHITE HOUSE BACKS OFF CANCER TEST GUIDELINES

VO: 29

A top federal health official said Wednesday that the controversial new guidelines for breast cancer screening do not represent government policy, as the Obama administration sought to keep the debate over mammograms from undermining the prospects for health-care reform.

Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, in a written statement, said the new guidelines had "caused a great deal of confusion and worry among women and their families across this country," and she stressed that they were issued by "an outside independent panel of doctors and scientists who . . . do not set federal policy and . . . don't determine what services are covered by the federal government."

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HEALTH CARE LATEST

LOURDES MELUZA-WASHINGTON, DC

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The pro-reform organization Health Care For America Now released polling data targeting three swing Democratic votes: Sens. Blanche Lincoln (Ark.), Ben Nelson (Neb.) and Mary Landrieu (La.). In each of those states, between 77 percent (Arkansas and Louisiana) and 80 percent (Nebraska) of voters believe their senators should allow legislation to have an up-or-down vote (i.e. not back a Republican filibuster), according to the results.

NEW GUIDELINES FOR CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING

VO: 22

New medical guidelines are calling for fewer Pap smears for most women in their 20s. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists says having the tests every two years is enough to catch slow-growing cervical cancer in women under 30. Previous rules had called for annual testing.

H1N1 VACCINE

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The U.N. agency reaffirmed that the pandemic vaccine is as safe as the seasonal flu vaccine used for more than 60 years. It also voiced concern that some pregnant women and others at risk were shunning it because of a fear of side-effects.

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SURVEY JOBS

VO :23

A new survey suggests job creation will start to see some recovery after the first quarter of 2010. The November outlook by the National Association for Business Economics shows that in addition to the end of the so-called jobless recovery, economists think GDP growth will improve.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

VO :26

A new survey suggests the economic doom and gloom of 2009 could give way to a brighter future in 2010. The November outlook by the National Association for Business Economics shows economists expect net employment losses to bottom out in the first quarter of next year. Employers are expected to start adding to their payrolls after that.

GAS PRICES

VO :17

The average price of regular gasoline in the U.S. has dropped 3.64 cents over a two-week period to \$2.65. That's according to the national Lundberg Survey of fuel prices released today. Analyst Trilby Lundberg says the average price for a gallon of mid-grade was \$2.78. Premium was at \$2.89.

INFLUENZA A H1N1 VACCINE

DR. JORGE ARANA / ATLANTA, GEORGIA

INTERVIEW 5:00MIN. APPROX.

Dr. Arana answers questions about H1N1 swine flu.

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HOME RE-SALES UP

LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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Home resales far exceeded expectations last month, surging to the highest level in 21/2 years as first-time buyers rushed to take advantage of an expiring tax credit. The

National Association of Realtors says sales rose 10.1 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 6.1 million in October, from a downwardly revised pace of 5.54 million in September.

DANGEROUS TOYS

MARIA ROSA LUCCHINI / WASHINGTON, DC

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Dangerous toys, a look at some of the things parents should look out for when buying toys.

KARLA GOMEZ ESCAMILLA / TUCSON, ARIZONA

PKG 1:35

Border patrol have several aircrafts known as "Drones" to get visuals of the desert. How, when and how often is this technology used.

CRIB RECALL

VO :36

The consumer product safety commission has issued a recall of more than two million stork craft "drop-side" cribs, some bearing the fisher price logo. The problem with this crib is its "drop-side" feature--one side lowers to allow easier access to the baby. Its plastic hardware can break, deform, or parts can end up missing. The drop-side can also be installed upside down. all these problems can cause it to detach in one or more corners.

HEALTHBEAT FLU LUNG MACHINE

VO :23

decades-old technology originally developed for premature babies is being dusted off by some intensive-care doctors as a treatment for worst case swine flu patients. The machines, known as ECMO, are gaining attention after Australian researchers reported that they helped during that country's outbreak of what scientists call the 2009 H1N1 flu strain. ECMO is a twist on the heart-lung machine used for open-heart surgery, modified so that patients can stay on the machine for weeks instead of just hours. Tubes carry blood out of the body so a filter can remove carbon dioxide and reinfuse oxygen, and then dump the blood back. They key is blood doesn't have to bypass the heart if only the lungs need a rest. It's a risky approach using equipment that only certain specialized hospitals have. But some doctors think they're worth trying as a last-ditch measure.

VIOXX RISKS COULD HAVE BEEN DETECTED EARLIER: STUDY

VO :22

Heart risks from taking Merck & Co Inc's painkiller Vioxx could have been detected more than three years before the company withdrew the drug from the market in September 2004, had the data been openly available, U.S. researchers said on Monday. They said their analysis illustrates the need for quick, public disclosure of drug safety data.

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NEW HOME SALES REPORT

VO: 22

Data coming out Wednesday is expected to reinforce evidence that the real estate market is regaining its footing after a dramatic collapse.

Sales of new homes are expected to post a modest 2 percent increase for October when the Commerce Department makes the announcement Wednesday morning. Since the report reflects signed contracts to buy homes, rather than completed sales, new home buyers in October were acting before lawmakers this month decided to extend the tax credit for first-time buyers and expand it for existing homeowners.

ECONOMY REPORT TODAY

VO: 21

In a hopeful sign for the economy, the number of newly laid-off workers filing claims for unemployment benefits fell below 500,000 last week for the first time since January. Consumer spending also picked up in October, and new-home sales hit their highest point in more than a year. Combined, the news suggested that the economy should be able to sustain at least a modest rebound. Some economists have worried that the economy was at risk of slipping back into recession.

ANTIOXIDANTS COULD HELP PRESERVE MUSCLE STRENGTH

VO: 24

In a study in older adults, dietary intake of vitamins C and E was linked with muscle strength, leading the researchers to suggest at a meeting in Atlanta this past weekend that a diet high in antioxidants could play an important role in preserving muscle function in older adults. "Muscle strength is really a marker of aging," one of the investigators, Dr. Anne Newman of the University of Pittsburgh, told Reuters Health. "Muscle strength starts declining when people are in their 40s, but it decreases dramatically after age 60."

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OBAMA ECONOMY LATEST

VO: 23

In his weekly Internet and radio address released on Thanksgiving Day, President Obama is mixing politics and policy with typical holiday sentiments. Less than a week before Obama is set to announce his decision on troop levels in Afghanistan, the president paid tribute to the U.S. military and the families of service members. "We keep in our thoughts and prayers the many families marking this Thanksgiving with an empty seat - saved for a son or daughter, or husband or wife, stationed in harm's way. And we say a special thanks for the sacrifices those men and women in uniform are making for our safety and freedom, and for all those Americans who enrich the lives of our communities through acts of kindness, generosity and service."

FINANCIAL REGULATION

VO: 28

New regulations proposed in the Senate would lead to a number of new federal agencies, including one that would regulate lenders making credit card offers. According to the Senate's bill, which was released by Connecticut Democratic Senator Chris Dodd, companies that make credit card offers or provide loans would be regulated by a newly-created Consumer Financial Protection Agency. Furthermore, the proposed bill from the Senate would take away many of the regulatory powers now held by the Federal

Reserve, including protecting consumers and regulating banks. This is in contrast to a similar bill in the House that still gives the Fed regulatory power regarding larger firms.

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DIABETES USA / COSTS

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In the next 25 years, the number of Americans living with diabetes will nearly double, increasing from 23.7 million in 2009 to 44.1 million in 2034. Over the same period, spending on diabetes will almost triple, rising from \$113 billion to \$336 billion, even with no increase in the prevalence of obesity, researchers based at the University of Chicago report in the December issue of *Diabetes Care*. The number of those with diabetes covered by Medicare will rise from 8.2 million to 14.6 million, the researchers predict. Medicare spending on diabetes will jump from \$45 billion to \$171 billion.

WOMEN SMOKING SEIZURES

VO: 22

A new study finds that smoking places women at an increased risk of suffering seizures as well as countless other tobacco-related health hazards. While high levels of nicotine have long been considered as a trigger for convulsive attacks in both animals and humans, this new study found that smoking is a risk factor for seizure. According to the study published in *Epilepsia*, female smokers are 2.60 times more likely to suffer a seizure particularly isolated ones.

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HEALTHCARE OVERHAUL

VO: 38

With the Senate set to begin debate Monday on President Barack Obama's signature domestic issue, the all-hands-on-deck Democratic coalition that allowed the health care reform legislation to advance is coming apart. While majority Democrats will need 60 votes again to finish, some in the party say they'll jump ship from the bill without tighter restrictions on abortion coverage. Others say they'll go unless a government plan to compete with private insurance companies gets tossed. Such concessions would enrage liberals, the party's heart and soul.

HOME FORECLOSURES

VO: 15

The Obama administration plans to announce an expanded program today to battle a foreclosure crisis that shows no signs of relenting. The government wants to step up pressure on mortgage companies to do more to help people remain in their homes. Treasury spokeswoman Meg Reilly says the goal is to increase the rate that troubled home loans are converted into new mortgages with lower monthly payments.

OBAMA'S SPEECH ON AFGHANISTAN TO ENVISION EXIT

VO: 20

As President Barack Obama prepares to announce a new blueprint for the war in Afghanistan, the leading Senate Democrat on military matters says any plan to significantly expand U.S. troop levels must show how those reinforcements will help increase the number of Afghan security forces. The remarks from Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, are a preview of the possible roadblocks Obama faces from his own party as he begins to sell a broader, more expensive battle plan for Afghanistan to an American public weary of the conflict.

AUTISM IMPROVEMENT

VO: 26

A rigorous, if small, study of behavior treatment found two years of therapy can vastly improve symptoms in autistic children as young as 18 months and often results in a milder diagnosis. Early autism treatment remains controversial because there's been little evidence that it really works. But there's also a growing emphasis on diagnosing autism at the earliest possible age. The therapy focused on social interaction and communication. Therapists or parents would repeatedly hold a toy near a child's face to encourage eye contact, which is a common problem in autism. Or they'd reward children when they used words to ask for toys.

NEW WHO GUIDELINES URGE PHASE-OUT OF MAJOR HIV DRUG

VO: 25

Countries should phase out the use of Stavudine, the most widespread antiretroviral, because of "long-term, irreversible" side-effects in HIV patients including wasting and a nerve disorder, the World Health Organization said on Monday. In sweeping changes to its guidelines, the WHO also recommended that people with HIV, including pregnant women, should start taking antiretroviral drugs earlier to live a longer and healthier life.

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